

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 5-17, 35-40, 42, 47, and 53-69 were pending in this application. Applicant previously cancelled Claims 1-4, 18-34, 41, 43-46, and 48-52 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5-17, 36-40, and 42 stand allowed. Claims 54, 64, 65, 67, and 68 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 35, 47, 53, 55-63, 66, and 69 were rejected. Applicant has amended Claims 5, 35, 47 and 66, canceled Claims 53 and 54, and respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Objections

Claims 5, 47, 65, 66, 67, and 69 were objected to by the Examiner for informalities, specifically, for containing misspelled words and grammatical errors. Applicant appreciates the Examiner careful review and has amended the claims as required.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 35 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has amended Claims 35 and 66 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Support for amended Claims 35 and 66 is found on page 6 of the application in the Detailed Description of the Invention section. Applicant requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of Claims 35 and 66 as amended.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 47, 53, 55-63, 66, and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by foreign patent publication WO 96/01617 filed by Li et al. (hereinafter "Li et al."). Applicant respectfully traverses and submits said claims are potentially distinct over Li, et al. Notwithstanding Applicant has amended Claim 47 and incorporated the limitations of allowed Claim 54 therein. Claim 53 has been canceled. Claims 55-63 and 66 (amended) and 69 (amended) are dependent on allowable new Claim 47 (old Claim 54). Consequently, the Applicant requests favorable action thereon.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-17, 36-40 and 42 are allowed. Claims 54, 64, 65, 67, and 68 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Said amendment, as noted above has been made and thus, the Applicant requests favorable action thereon.

SUMMARY

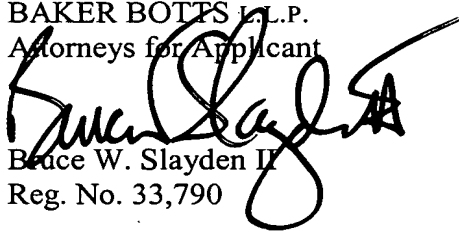
In light of the above amendments and remarks Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

An extension of one (1) month is requested and a Notification of Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee of \$55.00 is attached herewith.

Applicant believes no additional fees are due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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